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NEW BRANCHES.

The Executive Committee has been approached with a view to starting Branches in the following places:—

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WINDSOR.

Readers of the *Parents' Review* living in these districts, or having friends there, are asked to communicate with Miss Blogg.

The Library Committee beg to acknowledge with many thanks the gift of the following books:—*Our Eternal Homes*, from Mrs. Briercliffe, and *Psychology and Life*, by Professor Münsterberg, from Mrs. Winkworth.

BELGRAVIA.—A class for Cane Basket Making was arranged for the holidays.—A Kindergarten class in Tite Street; a course of lessons in Brush drawing by Mrs. E. Cooke, in Eaton Place; courses of lessons in Singing (Tonic Sol-fa Method), by Miss Mills; classes in Drill, Gymnastics and Clubs, by Miss Myers; a Ladies' Reading Circle and Talks to Children's Nurses, are proceeding. Particulars of these classes may be had from the Hon. Secretary, The Lady Helen Lacey, 29, Cavendish Road, N.W.

BRIGHTON.—On Jan. 11th, Miss Robinson lectured on "Birds of the South Downs," 3 p.m., at the Bird Museum. Feb. 8th, at 3.30, Mrs. Steinthal on "What to do with Girls after leaving School," at Rossmore Lodge, Hove, by kind invitation of Mrs. Gaitskell Burr.

FOREST HILL.—A lecture was given on December 8th, at Forest Hill House School, the Rev. A. F. R. Bird in the chair. The lecturer, Rev. Theodore Wood, took for his subject "Earth builders and earth workers." He showed very plainly how small and unimportant agents could by force of numbers and in process of time, accomplish great results. The earth worm and the coral insect received the main share of attention, and the magnitude of their achievements was well explained in clear and almost eloquent language. Mr. Wood's clever drawing on the blackboard added to the interest of the lecture.

GLASGOW.—On Wednesday, December 13th, Mr. Newbery, of the Glasgow School of Art, delivered an interesting address on the "Schoolmaster in Art," at 15, Kew Terrace (by kind permission of Mrs. Stodart). Art, in the lecturer's opinion, is misunderstood and badly taught. It should be regarded as a thing apart, as the outward and visible sign of an instinct in every man's soul. He pointed out the essential difference between the craftsman and the artist, and declared that the distinction was generally ignored, especially in State Schools, where, however, the best of education was obtained. Speaking of the two forms of education, the deductive and the inductive, he showed how by the first method you polish your powers, and get *facts* inside your head, while, by the second, the instincts tending to knowledge are drawn out. We are born sentient creatures with instincts towards worship of the beautiful. Let the child alone—you find the potential artist in his scribbles. The child renders his *impressions* just as the artist does, the difference being that the child gives his impressions and no facts. The secret of successful teaching is to make a man know his weakness, and to go and look at others' work. Experience is a great teacher. *Bad* art meets the demand of the public, the true artist creates beautiful things because he must. Environment does much, but while beautiful objects help greatly, much would often be done simply by "letting alone." To William Morris a bucket of white-wash on a wall might have greater charm than an elaborate scheme of decoration. The province of art is to be beautiful, not to teach facts by pictures. A beautiful picture is a sensuous enjoyment. To make a child an artist presents enormous difficulty. You can teach him how to express himself with a paint brush, gradually the artist-spirit will show and the evolution of an artist be complete. At the close, some interesting discussion took place, the lecturer kindly replying to various questions.

HAMPSTEAD.—The November meeting of this Branch was held at the house of Miss Ridley and was well attended. J. Russell, Esq., M.A., spoke on "R. H. Quick: an Educational Reformer."—The December meeting was held at the house of Mrs. Maxwell, when Mrs. Boole was announced to lecture. Owing to illness she was unable to be present, and Mr. Maxwell kindly took her place. The paper read was on "Socrates," which the audience found very interesting.—The next meeting will be held on Tuesday

evening, February 6th, at the Church Room, Lyndhurst Road Church. Mr. Sadler, of the Education Department, has promised to lecture on "Dr. Arnold of Rugby." It is hoped that there will be an exceptionally large audience on this occasion, and the Hon. Secretary will be glad to supply cards of invitation to members of any Branch, and their friends. The Hampstead omnibus passes Lyndhurst Road, and the Church is also only five minutes' walk from Hampstead Heath Station.

HYDE PARK AND BAYSWATER.—Hon. Sec., Mrs. E. L. Franklin, 50, Porchester Terrace, Hyde Park. At home Thursday mornings.—On Jan 23rd Mr. J. L. Paton, Headmaster of University College School, lectured on "Boys and Newspapers," at 5.30, at 90, Lancaster Gate, by kind permission of Miss Strauss. Herbert Samuel, Esq., in the chair.—February 13th, Mrs. Morley Fletcher "At Home," at 98, Harley Street, 8—11 p.m. Dr. Schorstein will lecture at 8.45, on "Some Signs of Overpressure." Dr. Morley Fletcher in the chair. March 27th, Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson (Mary L. G. Petrie, B.A.) will lecture on "He that questioneth much shall learn much," at 5 p.m., at 33, Cavendish Square, by kind permission of Mrs. Symes Thompson, who will take the chair. Tea and coffee at 4.30. In May, Dr. Schofield has promised to speak. Brush-drawing lessons by Mr. Cooke, jun., Swedish drill lessons by a student of Madame Bergman Osterberg's, and Handwork classes are arranged by this branch. Particulars from Mrs. Franklin.

SCARBOROUGH.—On January 8th the annual meeting of the Scarborough Branch of the P.N.E.U. was held in the School of Art, kindly lent by the Committee. The attraction of the evening was the exhibition of students' work, past and present, and there were many beautiful specimens of work on the walls. After spending the first hour in a social way, the Bishop of Hull gave a capital address to the members, mainly on the lines of the work done by the Union. He gave a sketch of the ground which has been covered by the Branch during the five years of its existence, and touched on the chief aims to be kept in view. In conclusion he drew a beautiful simile from the Psalm where the young men are to be as plants about the house, and the maidens as polished stones in the palace. The last hour of the evening was devoted to music, which was under the direction of Dr. Thomas Ely, Mus. Doc., Lond., F.C.O. Several new members were enrolled.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD.—We are sorry to announce that the Rev. J. R. Taft, D.D., M.A., F.R.C.S., will be unable to give his lecture on "Common sense, common faults and common fancies in modern education," on February 16th, owing to illness. Miss Carta Sturge has kindly consented to take his place, and will lecture on "The place of imagination and poetry in education."

WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD.—Owing to illness Mrs. Lemon was unable to give her lecture on "Our Friends the Birds."—In March, Mrs. Dowson, L.R.C.P., has, in answer to many requests from members, kindly promised to give an address on "Punishment." Date to be announced later.

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THE DISCIPLINE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE MIND.

BY MRS. DOWSON, L.R.C.P. & S., I.

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WE are so accustomed to scrap knowledge, to mental powers wasted for want of discipline and organization, that it takes time for us ordinary parents and teachers to see the crying need for a better intellectual economy; it takes time for us to realize how sad is the misspending of our children's strength for want of a kind of discipline and a kind of knowledge, the value of which is slowly but surely coming into recognition among educational experts, and is indeed beginning to shew itself in practical use in countries other than our own.

There are wise people who tell us that not only in the higher forms of higher schools, as in Italy, but all through the process of education after the primary stage is passed, children should be taught about thinking and reasoning, about knowing and not knowing, and even something concerning the deep problems of existence. They should be led, we are told, step by step, keeping time with the steps they take in learning other things, into the art of organization, the art of bringing all they learn, science, letters and what not, into some approach to a unified, inter-related whole. If we can effect this we shall be able to put into the hands of a child an instrument of moral as well as of mental discipline, and a